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TOPIC General Information on the Demonstrations

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EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1

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1. From 17 to 20 June 1953, the inhabitants of the wood camp Fraureuth near Zwickau went on strike. A motorized infantry unit under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Nikolayev (fnu) was employed.
2. On 17 June, large scale demonstrations were held in Leipzig. The VP was not able to master the situation. At 2:30 p.m., Soviet units with tanks and troops on trucks were employed. The troops fired at the crowd and killed and wounded an undetermined number of people. Martial law was declared. Soviet troops occupied all municipal buildings. In the afternoon of 18 June, tank and AAA units totaling about 1,200 to 1,500 troops entered the Heiterblick Kaserne, coming from the direction of Halle. Twenty-six T-34/85 tanks, 46 (?) JS-2 tanks and 8 to 12 x 37-mm AA guns were seen with these troops. In the afternoon of 18 June, about 1,500 artillery soldiers were observed in Schoenau. In addition to these troops, 6,000 to 8,000 troops, equipped with 30 JS-2 tanks, 26 T-34/85 tanks, 8 x 37-mm AA guns and trucks mounting four-barreled AA guns, bivouacked outside of the installation.
3. On 19 June, the barracks installation in Leipzig-Schoenau was occupied by about 1,500 troops. Tanks, including JS-2 tanks [REDACTED] and SP guns [REDACTED] were outside of the installation. JS-2 tank [REDACTED] and 12 T-34/85 tanks [REDACTED] were seen at the main railroad station. The Hindenburg Kaserne was occupied by about 600 troops wearing black-bordered blue epaulets. The hospital in the north section was occupied by about 500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia. On 20 June, the Heiterblick Kaserne was occupied by about 1,500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank and motor transport insignia. On 22 June, 6 T-34/85 tanks [REDACTED] were seen at the komendatura and SP gun [REDACTED] and T-34/85 tank [REDACTED] were on Beethoven Strasse.<sup>1</sup>

1. [REDACTED] Comment.

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[REDACTED] the majority of the T-34 tanks belongs to the 19th Gds Mecz Regt from Leipzig-Schoenau, and the JS-tanks belong to the 64th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the 8th Gds Mecz Div from Leisnig. The artillery units [REDACTED]

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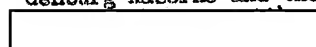
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[redacted] are fairly definitely believed  
to belong to the 19th Wis Regt. [redacted]

[redacted] The occupation figures given for the Hin-  
denburg Kaserne and the hospital appear to be highly exaggerated. [redacted]

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